

In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A process for the manufacture of a single or multi-compartment, rigid, water-soluble container, containing a detergent composition, wherein the container is at least partially formed of injection moulded water soluble polymer; the process comprising the steps of forming the container, filling with the detergent composition and sealing, wherein the container is allowed to come into contact with, or is ~~/~~ brought into contact with a plasticiser after sealing.
- 2.(original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the plasticiser is water.
- 3.(currently amended) A process for the manufacture of a single or multi-compartment, rigid, water-soluble container, containing a detergent composition, wherein the container is at least partially formed of injection moulded water soluble polymer; the process comprising the steps of forming the container, keeping the container under substantially anhydrous conditions, filling with the detergent composition and sealing, wherein the container is allowed to come into contact with, or is ~~/~~ brought into contact with a plasticiser after sealing.
- 4.(original) A process according to claim 3, wherein the container comprises a PVOH polymer or a derivative thereof.
- 5.(original) A process according to claim 4, wherein the container comprises an additional injection moulded water-soluble polymer, which when dissolved in water is active in detergency.
- 6.(currently amended) A process according to claim 5, wherein the additional injection moulded water-soluble polymer is selected from poly(vinylpyrrolidone),

poly(acrylic acid) or an ester thereof, ~~or~~ poly(maleic acid) or an ester thereof, or a copolymer of any of the foregoing thereof.

7.(currently amended) A process according to claim 4, ~~5, or 6~~, wherein the first and additional polymer(s) are simultaneously or sequentially injection moulded.

8.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the container is made from a water-soluble receptacle part and is sealed by a water-soluble closure part, preferably in the form of a film or injection-moulded, rigid closure.

9.(original) A process according to claim 8 wherein the closure part comprises a poly(vinyl alcohol) film or closure.

10.(currently amended) A process according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~ wherein the receptacle part has side walls which terminate at their upper end in an outward flange, to which the closure part is sealingly secured.

11.(original). A process according to claim 8 wherein the closure part comprises a plastic film.

12.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the detergent composition comprises a powder, gel, paste or low water liquid formulation.

13.(currently amended) A process according to claim 10 ~~any one of claims 10 to 12~~ wherein the container comprises a tablet formulated for delayed or ~~and/or~~ sustained release of a material.

- 14.(original) A process according to claim 8 wherein the receptacle part comprises an upstanding wall which separates compartments thereof.
- 15.(original) A process according to claim 8 ~~any one of claims 8 to 14~~ wherein the closure part is a transparent or translucent material.
- 16.(original) A process according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 15~~, wherein the containers are joined together in an array arrangement, but are readily separable from each other for use.
- 17.(original) A method of manufacture of an array as defined in claim 16, which method comprises: forming an array of receptacle parts, each receptacle part being connected to adjacent receptacle parts, but being separable from them by a snap or tear action; charging the receptacle parts with washing composition; and sealingly securing a sheet of a water-soluble polymer over the top of the array, to form the closure parts for all the receptacle parts of the array.
- 18.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any claim from 1 to 15~~, which comprises melting the polymer(s), injecting the molten polymer(s) into a mould, removing the rigid water soluble container from the mould and adding the fabric care, surface care, or dishwashing composition into the container.
- 19.(original) A process according to claim 18 wherein a first polymer and an additional polymer(s) are simultaneously or sequentially injected into the mould.
- 20.(original) A process according to claim 19 wherein the first polymer and the additional polymer(s) are sequentially injected into the mould, in any order, by one of the following techniques, multi-component injection moulding or sandwich injection moulding.

- 21.(original) A process according to claim 20 wherein the first polymer and the additional polymer(s) are sequentially injected into the mould, in any order, injection moulding a polymer or molten polymer mix into a mould, removing the solid polymer and inserting into a second mould and injection moulding a second polymer or polymer mix into the second mould.
- 22.(original) A process according to claim 20 wherein the first polymer and the additional polymer(s) are sequentially injected into the mould, in any order, injection moulding a polymer or molten polymer mix into a part of a mould, injection moulding a second polymer or molten polymer mix into a further part of the mould.
- 23.(original) A process according to claim 20 wherein the first polymer and the additional polymer(s) are simultaneously injection moulded into the mould as a molten mix.
- 24.(original) A process for the manufacture of a single or multi-compartment rigid, water-soluble container, containing a detergent composition, comprising: -
- (i) Forming an array of containers in an injection moulding process;
 - (ii) Removing the array from the mould;
 - (iii) Placing the array in a storage area, substantially free of moisture;
 - (iv) Filling the array of containers with the detergent composition;
 - (v) Placing a closure on the array;
 - (vi) Sealing the containers; and
 - (vii) Separating the array into individual containers;